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BIRTH CEREMONY CHAPTER
KUSHAN SCOUTS, PART 1

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WHY DON'TCHA
TRY FINDIN'
YER OWN?!
GROWN-LIPS
AIN'T SUPPOSED
TO STEAL
FROM KIDS!!
YOU MAKE
ME SICK!!

TAKE A
HIKE!!
THIS'S THE
ONLY FOOD
I'VE
MANAGED
TO GET IN
FOUR DAYS!!





YOU
AN' YER
BIG
HEAD
...

...LOOKIN'
LIKE A
RETARDED
TODDLER!

WHY DON'T
I MAKE SURE
YOU NEVER
BECOME ONE
OF THOSE
SICKENING
GROWN-UPS?
RIGHT HERE
AND NOW.
HUH, PLUNK?



I...

...SAY TO
MYSELF,
DEEP
DOWN.



THAT
FROM A
SNEAK
THIEF?



NOT BAD...
THERE'S
EVEN
LIQUOR.

F-
FOOD!



SEEN' THIS MUCH FOOD
LEFT BEHIND, THE FOLKS
FROM THIS VILLAGE
MUST'VE REALLY BEEN
IN A HURRY TO LEAVE.

ALL
THANKS TO
THE
KUSHAN.



YEAH,
DON'T
SWEAT THE
DETAILS.
HERE.

I DON'T
WANNA
DIE
BEFORE
KNOWIN'
A
WOMAN.

I CAN
HEAR
YOU,
Y'KNOW.

*FX: THUD

THOSE'RE
THE RATIONS
I SCRAPED
TOGETHER
TRYIN' LIKE
HELL TO
EVADE THE
KLUSHAN.
AT LEAST
TAKE THE
TIME TO
SAVOR 'EM.



HEHEH...
IS THAT
SO?



IS IT
GOOD
?

YEAH,
BUT YOU
DON'T
GET ANY.



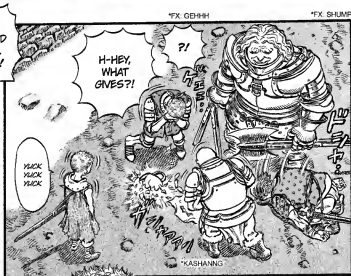
UGH...!

ALL
RIGHT,
ALREADY,
JUST
GET...



KID,
WHAT'D
YOU...
OOO!!

THIS STUFF
REALLY
WORKS...
SURE WAS
EXPENSIVE.



*FX GEHHH

*FX SHUMP

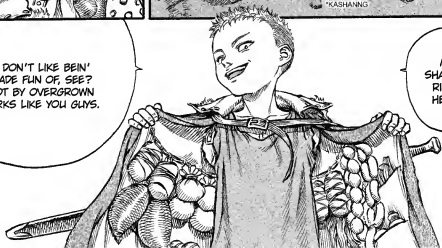
H-HEY,
WHAT
GIVES?!

?!
H-HEY,
WHAT
GIVES?!

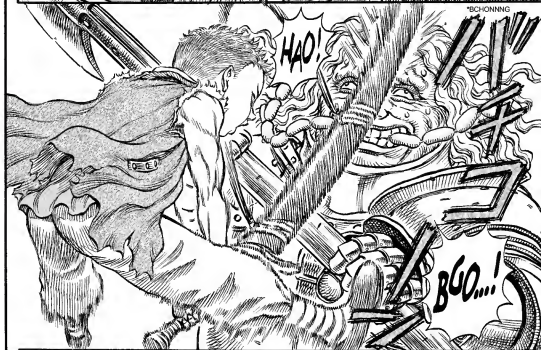
YACK
YACK
YACK

*KASHANNING

I DON'T LIKE BEIN'
MADE FUN OF, SEE?
NOT BY OVERGROWN
JERKS LIKE YOU GUYS.



MY
SHARE'S
RIGHT
HERE.

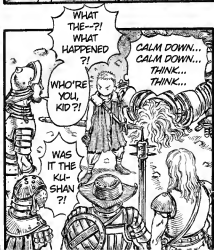
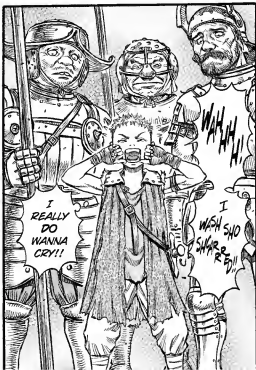


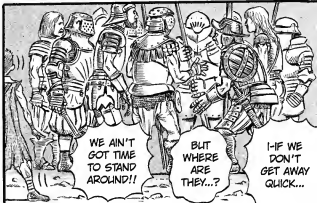
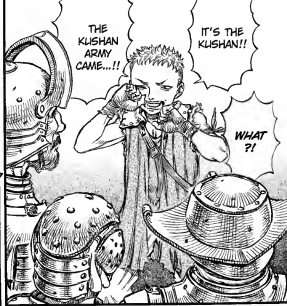
THE
NAME'S
ISIDRO.

DON'T
CALL ME
"PUNK."



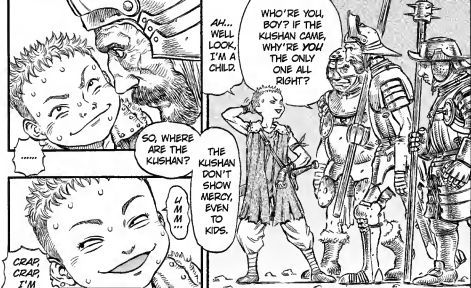
*FX: AMBLE AMBLE



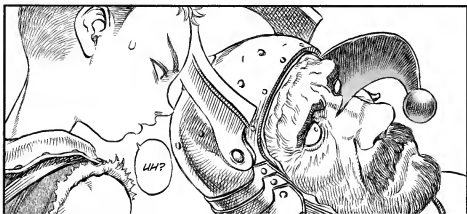
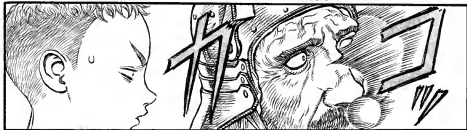


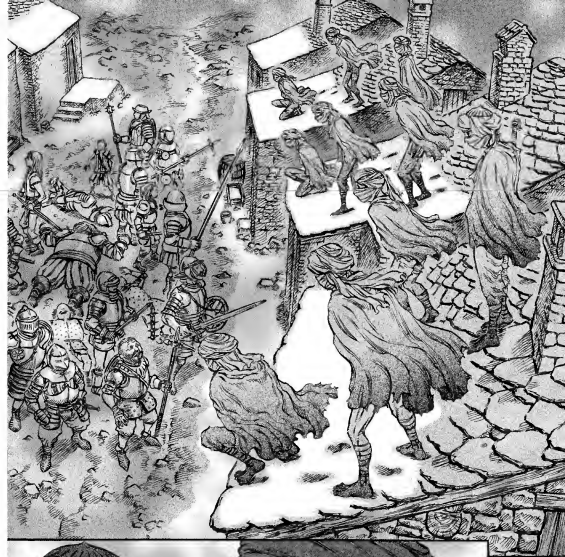
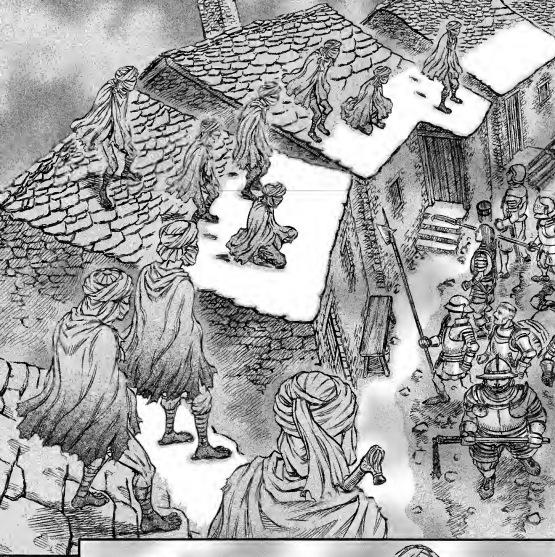
*FX. SNEAK SNEAK





*FX: SHUNK











Y-YOU
BASTARDS
!





ALL
DEAD...!!

IN THE
BLINK
OF AN
EYE...!!





*FX: GCHAK GCHAK



*FX: GCHAK GCHAK

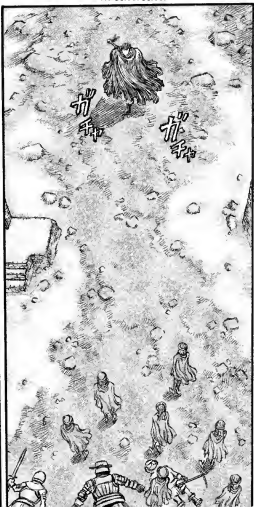


*FX: WHISPER



*FX: JAK

*FX: CHAK





*FX. GCHAK GCHAK



*FX. SFF SFF



*FX. SFF SFF



DOESN'T
HE KNOW
HE'S
ABOUT
TO GET
KILLED?!

*FX. GCHAK GCHAK



*FX. ZHA ZHA ZHA ZHA ZHA ZHA

*FX. GSHAK



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生誕祭の章 クシャーン斥候②

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*FX: GSSH DOLCH DOLCH



...
SUDDEN?

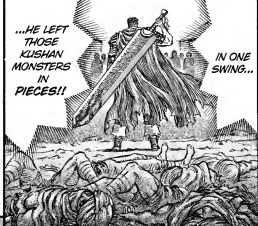
WASN'T
THAT A
BIT...

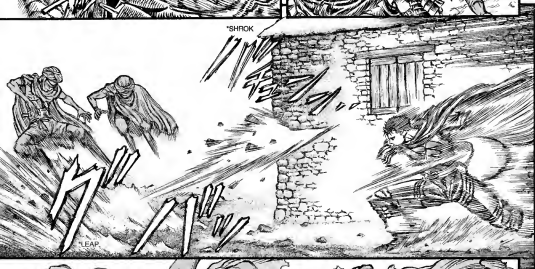
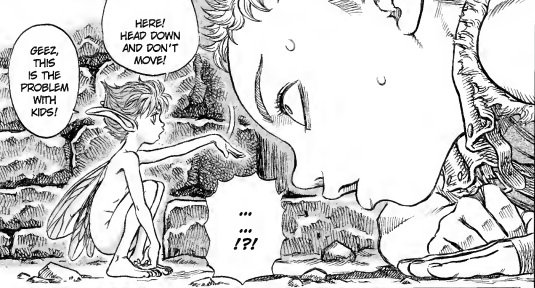


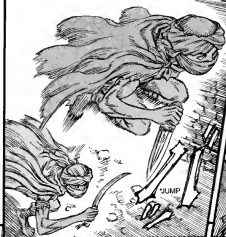
DIDN'T THINK
I'D GET TO
TRY IT OUT
SO SOON.

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ハ
イ

*ZHA









*FX: TENSE



*FX: SNIF SNIF



*FX: SHA



*FX: STAB



*GACHINING





CHINK CHINK



"DLCH BISH BISH GSSH"



HEY, KID.
YOU'VE GOT FOOD
ON YA. LIQUOR,
TOO.

A...

I CAN
SMELL
THAT
YOU'RE
HIDIN'
'EM.



A...

THEY'LL
DO AS
THANKS,
SO DON'T
SWEAT IT.



NICE...

"ZSSH"

THE KIND
OF WORK
I'D
EXPECT
FROM
GODO.



**AWE-
SOMMMME!**

LET'S
GET GOING,
PUCK.



J-
JUST A
SEC...

**WHO IS
THAT?!**

*FX: GCHAK GCHAK



THIS
WORTHLESS
CRAP ATE
UP TIME.

**WHO
WERE
THOSE
GUYS?**

THEY
LOOKED
LIKE PEOPLE
I'VE SEEN
BEFORE...

フ
"TCH



*master of Tapasa, a yogic practice that releases kundalini energy, which can be used to force boons from the gods



A VERY
LONG...

...TIME
AGO...

IT WAS
A LONG
TIME
AGO...

SEARCH
FOR THE
LAND OF
ORACLE.

REGARDLESS,
THERE IS BUT
ONE THING
WE MUST
DO NOW.







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BIRTH CEREMONY CHAPTER
KUSHAN SCOUTS (2): END

GOHH OHHH

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BIRTH CEREMONY, CHAPTER
TOWER OF SHADOW, PART 1

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*FX: FLAPA FLAPA



HERE-
TICS...

THE
WORK OF
HERETICS.



AGAIN
...

ANOTHER
PRIEST...

*FX: BYEWWWWW



HERETIC
HUNTS WILL
AGAIN
SCOURGE--

SHH!









*FX: CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP

*FX: SHUFFLE



CHARITY IS
RATIONED TO
EACH OF YOU
EVERY DAY!!

F-FOOLS!!
THESE ARE
OFFERINGS
TO THE
MONASTERY
!!

ALMS...

PLEASE,
ALMS...





SEIZE THEM
ALL!!
LET NONE
ESCAPE!!



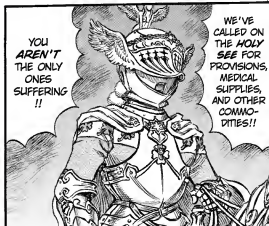
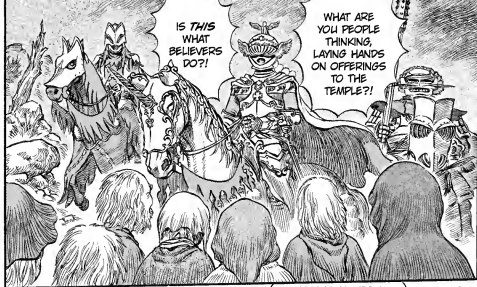
*FX BOADUMP BOADUMP

*FX WAHHHHH



THIS IS
ALL OF
THEM.







*FX: CLOP CLOP





...THAT SHE
BROKE THE
LAW FOR HER
OWN CHILD,
AND THAT SHE
WAS CAPTURED
BEFORE ME
ARE SURELY
ALL BY GOD'S
GUIDANCE.

BUT THE
FACTS
THAT I
HAPPENED
TO BE
HERE...

I HAVE
CONSIDERED
THAT TOO,
NATURALLY.

FATHER
MOZGUS,
BUT
WHAT OF
DISCIPLINE
...?



HER SELF-
SACRIFICING
PURE LOVE
SHALL FIND
REWARD.

I SAY LOVE
NEED NOT
KNOW FEAR.



THESE WILL
COME TO THE
MONASTERY
FOR NOW.



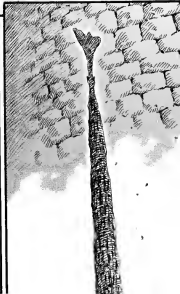
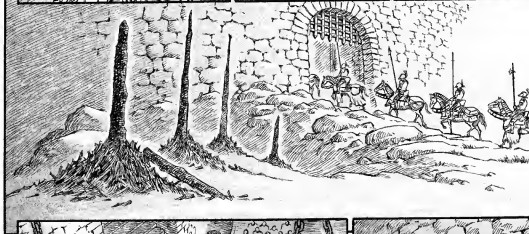
THANK
YOU
SO MUCH!

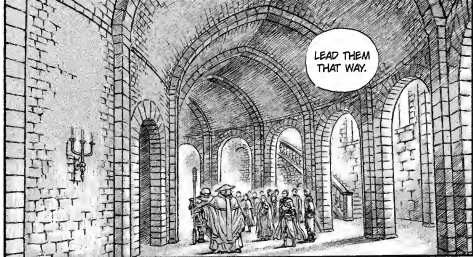
THANK
YOU!



*FX: CLAK CLAK CLAK

*FX: SCATTER





LEAD THEM
THAT WAY.



YOU MUST
COME
HITHER.

DO NOT WORRY,
YOU WILL SEE
THEM AGAIN
LATER.



HHMM...



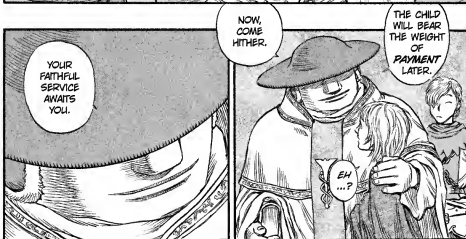
WITH REST AND
NOURISHMENT, HE
SHOULD RECOVER
STRAIGHT
AWAY.

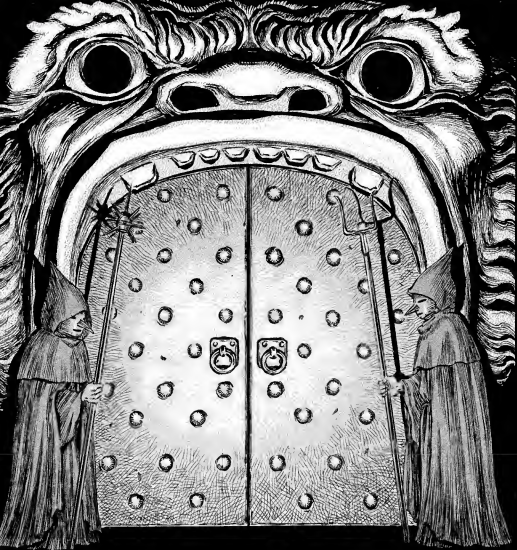
HE
SEEMS
TO HAVE
SETTLED.

OH,
YES
...!



THERE
NOW,
SWALLOW.





*FX: GREEEEE







THIS IS THE
FIRST YOU
HAVE SET
FOOT IN
THIS ROOM
I BELIEVE,
MISS
FARNESE.

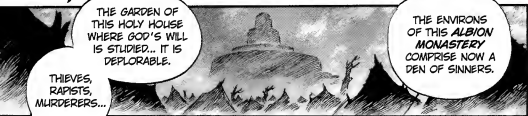


*FX: GYAHHH HYESEE GHEEEE NGAHHH AGGHHH AHAAH

THE GARDEN OF
THIS HOLY HOUSE
WHERE GOD'S WILL
IS STUDIED... IT IS
DEPLORABLE.

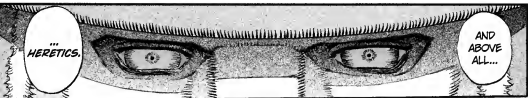
THIEVES,
RAPISTS,
MURDERERS...

THE ENVIRONS
OF THIS ALBION
MONASTERY
COMPRISE NOW A
DEN OF SINNERS.



...
HERETICS.

AND
ABOVE
ALL...



HIS MERCILESSLY
PLAYED SKIN AND
ROBES WERE HUNG
UPON THE BOUGH
OF A TREE.



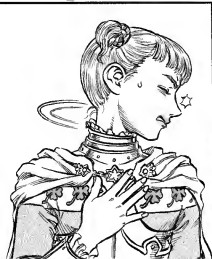
RECENTLY,
ANOTHER MONK
WAS MURDERED
IN THE REFUGEE
SLUM.



...WE WERE
ABLE TO CAPTURE
MANY SUSPICIOUS
INDIVIDUALS.
UPON INQUISITION,
MORE AND MORE
OF THEM ARE
CONFESSING TO
BEING HERETICS.



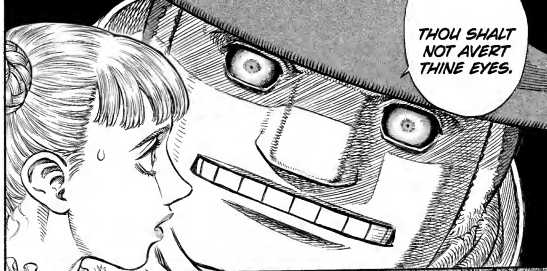
THANKS TO
INFORMATION
SUPPLIED BY
ZEALOUS
BELIEVERS AND
THE DEVOTED
WORK OF
THE HOLY IRON
CHAIN
KNIGHTS...



AND MANY THOSE
HAVE BECOME
CONVERTS.
HOW TRULY
DELIGHTFUL.



*FX: AIEEE

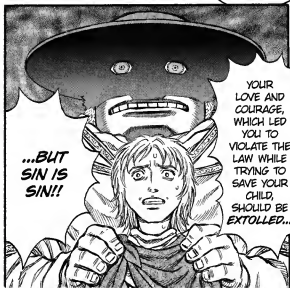


THOU SHALT
NOT AVERT
THINE EYES.



GOD DOES
NOT RAIN
BENEVOLENCE
ALONE UPON
THIS EARTH.
HE IS ALSO
A **STRICT**
ARBITER.

THIS
HELLISH
SPECTACLE IS
ONE ASPECT
OF THE HOLY
SEE TO
WHICH YOU
BELONG.



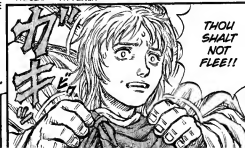
...BUT
SIN IS
SIN!!

YOUR
LOVE AND
COURAGE,
WHICH LED
YOU TO
VIOLATE THE
LAW WHILE
TRYING TO
SAVE YOUR
CHILD,
SHOULD BE
EXTOLLED...



IGH...

*FX CLAP *FX FLINCH



THOU
SHALT
NOT
FLEE!!

I DO
SO WANT
YOU TO
OVERCOME
THIS TRIAL
PROVIDED
BY GOD!!

YOU
POSSESS
SUCH
COURAGE
!!

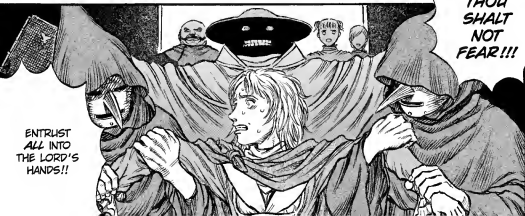


*FX JSHHHH

*FX GYAHHHH



BEHOLD!!
SEE HOW YOUR
BRETHREN
HAVE WAITED
ANXIOUSLY
FOR YOU!!



THOU
SHALT
NOT
FEAR!!!

ENTRUST
ALL INTO
THE LORD'S
HANDS!!



*FX. SSSSS



*FX. KCHAK KCHAK



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TOWER OF SHADOW (1): END

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THERE WAS EYEWITNESS
TESTIMONY OF THE
CRIME ITSELF!! WE WILL
INVESTIGATE THAT NEXT!!

I
AIN'T NO
HERETIC!

L-LEAMME GO!
I AIN'T
KILLED NO
PRIESTS...!

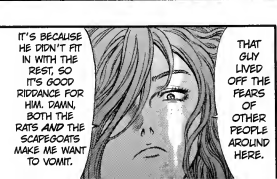


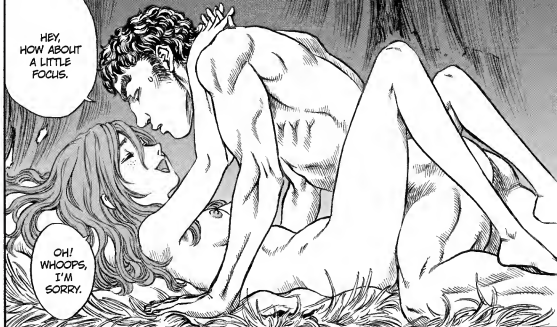
*FX: HA!



*FX: STAGGER







HEY,
HOW ABOUT
A LITTLE
FOCUS.

OH!
WHOOPS,
I'M
SORRY.

IT'S NOT THAT.
YOU'RE SPECIAL--
YOU COME HERE
THIS WAY
EVERY DAY.

GLAD I'M
NOT JUST
A JOB.

YOUR FELLOW
SOLDIERS
ARE HARD AT
WORK OUT
THERE...

...BUT
YOU'RE
HERE EVEN
BEFORE
SUNSET...

YOU
DON'T
LIKE IT
?

IS THIS
OKAY,
THOUGH?

"SHE'S NOT AS
SKILLED AS A
MAN, NOR DOES
SHE EXCEL IN
COMMAND."

"WELL, IT IS
TRADITION THAT
THE LEADER OF
THE HOLY IRON
CHAIN KNIGHTS
BE A WOMAN,
BUT IF SHE'S
ORNAMENTAL, I
WISH SHE'D TRY
HARDER TO ACT
LIKE IT."

"SHE OPENS
HER MOUTH
AND IT'S DUTY,
FAITH, OR
SOME CRAZY
ORDER..."

"...AND SHE
DOESN'T
GIVE US A
WORD OF
THANKS."

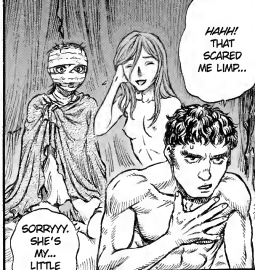
THAT LADY
COMMANDER
SEEMS
FRIGHTENING,
THOUGH.

I WORRY
THAT
YOU'LL
GET IN
TROUBLE.

I DON'T
LIKE THE
COMMANDER
...

NONE
OF US
DO.





HAAH!
THAT
SCARED
ME LMP...

SORRYYY.
SHE'S
MY...
LITTLE
SISTER.



I TOLD
YOU NOT
TO COME
IN HERE!
GEEZ!

ELAINE!
THIS
IS THE
WORK
TENT.



SORRY.
I'LL GIVE
YOU A
FREEBIE
NEXT
TIME!

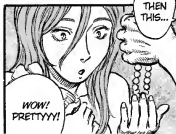
I GUESS
I'M DONE
FOR TODAY.

THAT'S
A PITY...

SYPHILIS...
SHE HAD
SOME BAD
LUCK. IT'S
ALREADY
STARTED
SHOWING
ON HER
FACE.



HERE,
THE
USUAL
FEE.



AND
THEN
THIS...

WOW!
PRETTYYYY!



SHE...
SHE NEEDS
'EM FOR
THE JOB.

WHAT'S
WITH THE
BANDAGES
?



MAYBE I'VE
JUST DONE
ENOUGH.



NOTHING
THE
MASSES
COULD
AFFORD.

IT'S
PRETTY
EXPEN-
SIVE.



...BUT
ISN'T IT
KINDA
WASTED
ON ME?

I MEAN,
THESE
ARE
PEARLS
...

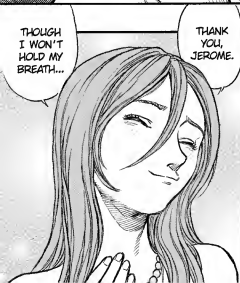
I'M
GLAD
...



AS THE NEXT
HEAD OF
MY FAMILY,
THERE'S NO
WAY I CAN
MARRY YOU...

...BUT HEY,
NOBLES
EVERYWHERE
HAVE THEIR
MISTRESSES.
I'LL SET YOU
UP IN LUXURY.

ONCE MY
DUTY HERE
IS THROUGH,
I'LL TAKE YOU
BACK HOME
WITH ME.



THOUGH
I WON'T
HOLD MY
BREATH...

THANK
YOU,
JEROME.



*FX ZHFF ZHFF

What's
she
doing
...?

GET HER
A GOOD
DOCTOR.

WE'LL
BRING
YOUR
SISTER,
TOO.

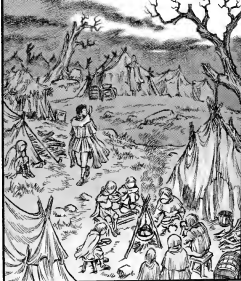


*FX: SCRATCH



...I'D
NEVER
MAKE IT
AS A
PROSTITUTE.

I SWEAR,
IF I TOOK
EVERY
SWEET
NOTHING
I HEARD
SERIOUSLY
...



YOU
GUYS
...

WE
HEARD
THAT,
LUCA.

HEYYY!
HEYYY!



WHAT ARE YOU JOKING
ABOUT? ISN'T IT BEST TO BE
IN GOOD WITH THE OFFICIALS
WHEN DANGER COMES?
THAT WHY I SAY...

YOU
KNOW
...?

I
MEAN
...

RIGHT
...

THE BEST
YOU
COULD
DO IS A
SHOP
APPRENTICE.

I'D LOVE TO BE TOLD
SOMETHING LIKE THAT
BY SOMEONE. NOT EVEN
NOBILITY, JUST A WEALTHY
YOUNG
MERCHANT.

LUCKY
YOU,
LUCA.



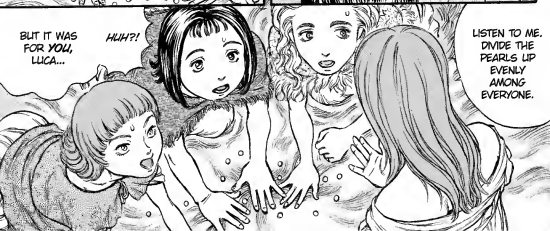
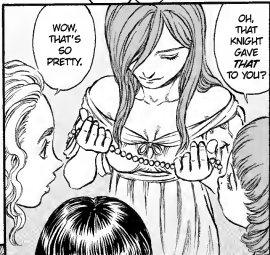
YEAH,
YEAH.

SO, YEAH,
LUCA...



*FX MNCH MNCH

*FX ZHAA





SOMETHING
EXPENSIVE
LIKE THIS...

YEAH... BUT...



LISTEN
CLOSE.

LISTEN,
PEPE,
FOUQUIET,
LUCIE.



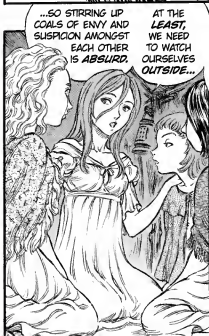
DIDN'T WE
DECIDE
FROM THE
START?
EACH
PERSON'S
INCOME
WILL BE
SHARED
EQUALLY
AMONG US,
WITHOUT
EXCEPTION.

I'LL TAKE
AN EQUAL
SHARE,
OF COURSE.



IT'S A JOB
THAT'S
AT BEST
SHUNNED
AND
SCORNED BY
SOCIETY...

WE'RE
PROSTITUTES.



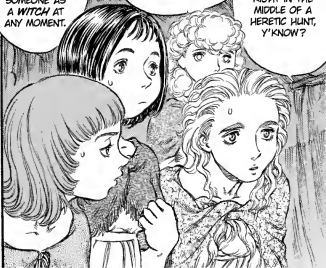
...SO STIRRING UP
COALS OF ENVY AND
SUSPICION AMONGST
EACH OTHER
IS **ABSRD.**

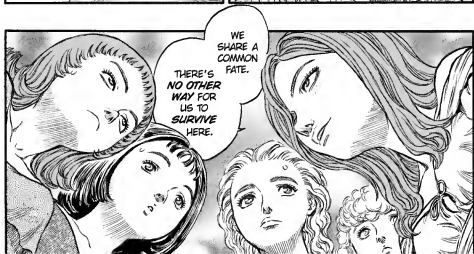
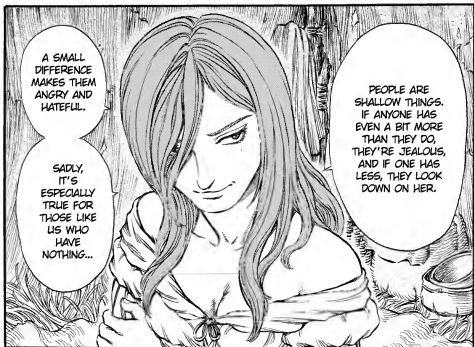
AT THE
LEAST,
WE NEED
TO WATCH
OURSELVES
OUTSIDE...

IT WOULDN'T
BE STRANGE
TO BE
BETRAYED BY
SOMEONE AS
A WITCH AT
ANY MOMENT.

DO YOU GET HOW
MUCH HARDER THAT
MAKES IT FOR US
TO SURVIVE?

...AND WE'RE
WORKING
RIGHT IN THE
MIDDLE OF A
HERETIC HUNT,
Y'KNOW?





IF YOU DON'T WANNA BE RATTED ON, GET OUT THERE AND SPREAD SOME GOOD WILL AROUND!

DIDN'T I TELL YOU? IT'S TO AVOID PETTY JEALOUSY. THE MOST DANGEROUS THING IN THIS WORLD IS TO HAVE TOO MUCH.

YES, MUM.

HUH? ONE'S MISSING ...

WHAT A WASTE.

WHAT, AGAIN?

NOW, AS ALWAYS, WE'LL SHARE HALF OUR EARNINGS WITH THE NEIGHBORS.

*FX SNEP

*FX CRNCH CRNCH



THAT'S NO GOOD. HAVE TO BIND THEM TIGHTER.

OH!

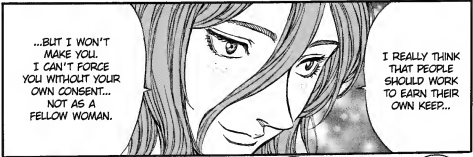
YOU'LL HAVE TO DEAL, IF IT'S A BIT SNUG.





YOU'RE
JUST THE
RIGHT VICTIM
FOR THE
STARVING
MEN.

A
DEFENSELESS
BEAUTY
LIKE YOU
WANDERING
AROUND A
PLACE LIKE
THIS ISN'T
SAFE FOR
EVEN
ONE DAY.



...BUT I WON'T
MAKE YOU.
I CAN'T FORCE
YOU WITHOUT YOUR
OWN CONSENT...
NOT AS A
FELLOW WOMAN.

I REALLY THINK
THAT PEOPLE
SHOULD WORK
TO EARN THEIR
OWN KEEP...



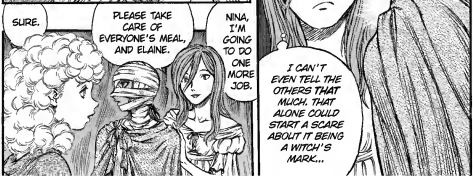
AH, YES, YES,
A CUSTOMER.
JUST A SEC.

LUCAAA
...

*FX DEHEHEH

...IT LOOKS
LIKE IT
MEANS
SOMETHING.

BESIDES,
THE BRAND
ON THIS
GIRL'S
CHEST...



SURE.

PLEASE TAKE
CARE OF
EVERYONE'S MEAL,
AND ELAINE.

NINA,
I'M
GOING
TO DO
ONE
MORE
JOB.

I CAN'T
EVEN TELL THE
OTHERS THAT
MUCH. THAT
ALONE COULD
START A SCARE
ABOUT IT BEING
A WITCH'S
MARK...



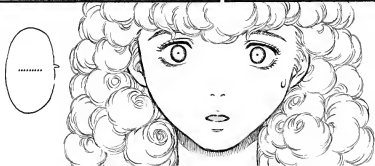
*FX: DEHEHEH

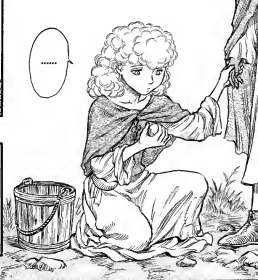
*FX: RAREHEH RAREHEH

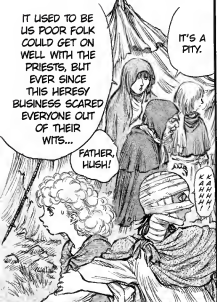


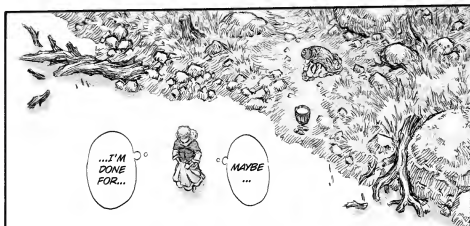


*FX. RAHHH RAHHH









*FX: CLATA



*FX: KCHAK KCHAK





*FX. GONNING GONNING



*FX. CLUTCH



*FX. GONNING





OF THIS
WORLD...

"KICHAK

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OF
DYING...

OF
LIVING...

OF
GOD...!!



"GONING

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"GONING

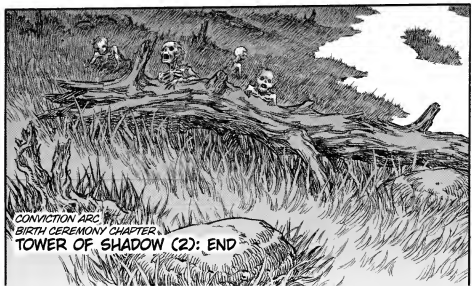
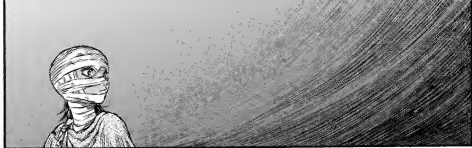
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OF...

...EVERY-
THING.

SO
SCARED...

I CAN'T
STAND
IT...



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BIRTH CEREMONY CHAPTER.
TOWER OF SHADOW (2): END

BERSERK



"GONNING"

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"GONNING"

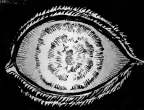
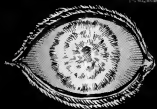
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断罪篇
生誕祭の章 影の子ら

CONVICTION ARC
BIRTH CEREMONY CHAPTER
CHILDREN OF SHADOW







*FX: THUD

*FX: WHUMP



*FX: ZZMM

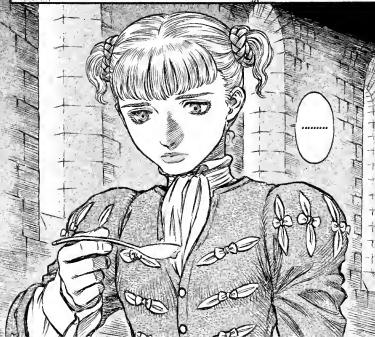
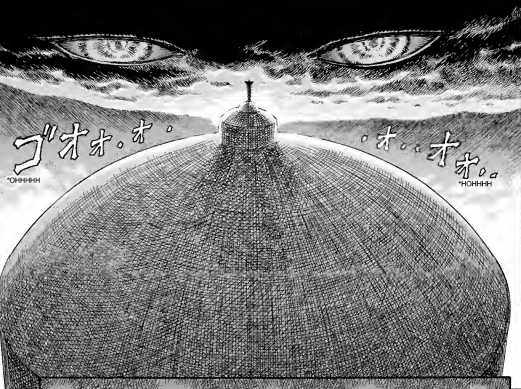
*FX: OOO



"WHFF







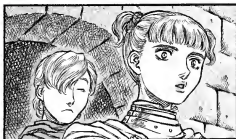






*FX: KANNING KANING

*FX: KWAAA AAAAA



*FX: KAA KWAAA



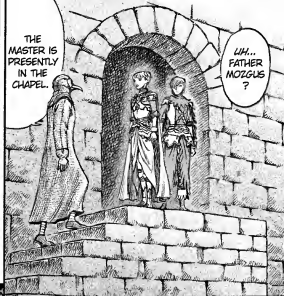


*FX KVIAAA



*FX SHFF SHFF







*FX. TSSS





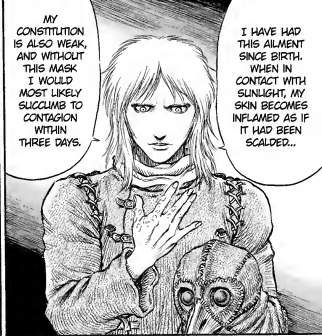
"...TO A PLACE WHERE MY BURNED, RACKED BODY WOULD BE SEEN BY NONE."

"I WAS DRIVEN FROM MY VILLAGE AND THE WORLD OF MEN..."

"CURSING THIS WORLD, I SOUGHT TO ROT AWAY, ALONE WITHIN THE HOLLOW OF A TREE BY THE WAYSIDE."

MY CONSTITUTION IS ALSO WEAK, AND WITHOUT THIS MASK I WOULD MOST LIKELY SUCCLUMB TO CONTAGION WITHIN THREE DAYS.

I HAVE HAD THIS AILMENT SINCE BIRTH. WHEN IN CONTACT WITH SUNLIGHT, MY SKIN BECOMES INFLAMED AS IF IT HAD BEEN SCALDED...



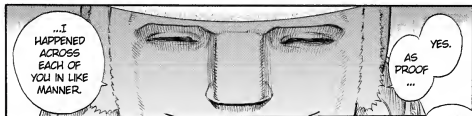
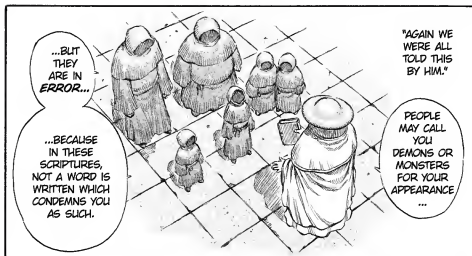
"IT WAS THEN THAT I HAPPENED TO MEET FATHER MOZGUS."

"...SAID THE MASTER AS HE COVERED ME WITH HIS ROBE AND AFFECTIONATELY BLOCKED THE LIGHT OF THE SUN."



LORD GOD...

...I GIVE THANKS FOR THIS FATED ENCOUNTER.



...AND
HAVE
FAITH.

HAVE
PRIDE...

MY
CHILDREN
CHOSEN
BY FATE...

SUCH
THAT I
QUIVERED.

IT
CAME
AS A
SHOCK.

IT
WAS A
MIRACLE.

YES...

"...AM
NEEDED
BY GOD..."

"THAT I,
DETESTED AS
MONSTROUS
TO THE POINT
THAT EVEN I
BELIEVED IT
WAS TRUE,
BEATEN CON-
TINU-
OUSLY LIKE A
CRAVEN
DOG..."



NEITHER
CAN I COME
TO ENJOY
HURTING
PEOPLE.

I FEEL AS
IF I REALLY
HAVE
BECOME A
MONSTER...

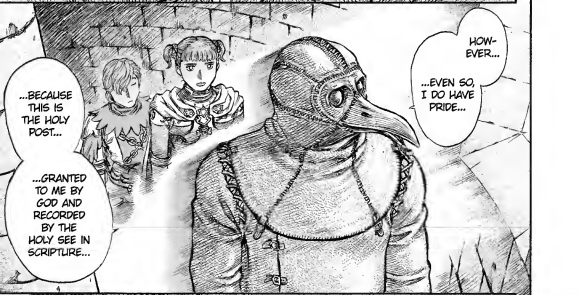
I AM
SHUNNED,
HATED,
AND
FEARED.

I DO NOT
ENJOY THIS
WORK.



...PERHAPS
I COULD NOT
DO THESE
THINGS TO
PEOPLE IF I
WERE NOT
SUCH...

WELL...



...BECAUSE
THIS IS
THE HOLY
POST...

...GRANTED
TO ME BY
GOD AND
RECORDED
BY THE
HOLY SEE IN
SCRIPTURE...

HOW-
EVER...

...EVEN SO,
I DO HAVE
PRIDE...



.....



*FX. KANNING KANNING



*FX. KONNING *FX. GREEE *FX. KONNING

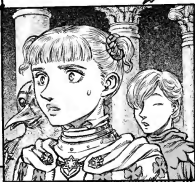




*FX KONG

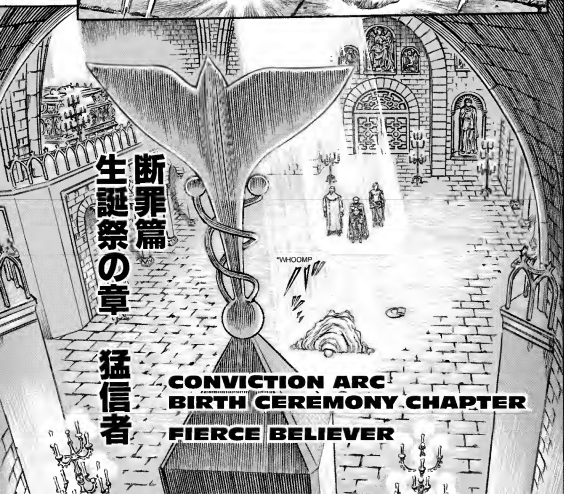


*FX GONNING



*WHOOOM

BERSERK





*FX WHOOMP



*FX. KRACK



*FX. WHOOMP

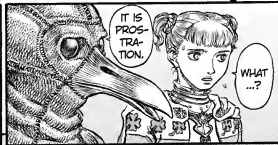


*FX GONG



...AND
NIGHT, A
THOUSAND
TIMES A
DAY.

FATHER
MOZGUS
REPEATS
IT MORN-
ING...



IT IS PROS-
TRA-
TION.

WHAT
...?

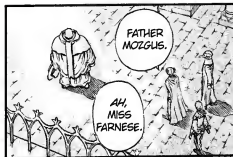


...OF
THROWING
HIMSELF
DOWN IN
PRAYER
TO GOD.

AS FAR
AS I KNOW,
IN THE PAST
TEN YEARS
FATHER
MOZGUS HAS
NOT MISSED
ONE DAY...



"FX" ("sound" of coming to rest)



FATHER
MOZGUS.

AH,
MISS
FARNESE.



HE SEEMS
TO HAVE
FINISHED.

SO THIS
IS THE
SECRET
BEHIND
THAT
FACE.



"FX. SFF

...CONTINUED TO
PROCLAIM THE SINS
OF THE KING TO
GOD, IN THE MIDST
OF EVERY POSSIBLE
TORTURE, UNTIL IN
TIME AN ANGEL
WAS MADE TO
DESCEND.

IT'S SAID
THAT A
SAGE ONCE
IMPRISONED IN
THIS TOWER BY
SUPREME KING
GAISERIK...

SURELY
THIS HOLY
GROUND HAS
MIRACULOUS
VIRTUE.

IT MUST
ALSO FILL
WORSHIP
WITH
POWER.



FATHER,
YOU ARE
BLEEDING
...

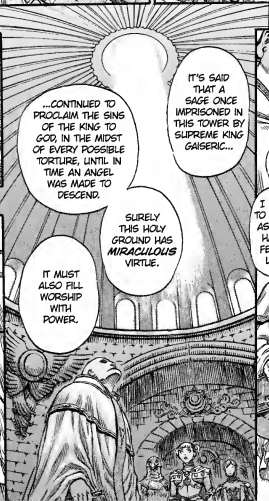
AHH.

I FAILED
TO NOTICE,
AS I CAN
HARDLY
FEEL MY
LEGS.

PLEASE
PARDON
ME.



THANK
YOU.





...DEAR
TO ME.

BUT
I HOLD
THIS
PAIN...



THANKS
TO THESE
INJURIES,
I CAN BARELY
WALK...
RUNNING IS
ALREADY
BEYOND ME.

IN A SHORT
TIME THE
SENSATION
WILL RETURN,
ALONG WITH
THE PAIN.



MY SACRED
DUTY IS TO
ENFORCE THE
STRICT LAWS
OF GOD.
SADLY,
THIS ALSO
MEANS THAT
I MUST BRING
MUCH PAIN
TO OTHERS.



TO ME
THESE
WOUNDS
ARE
PRECEPTS--
EVIDENCE
OF FAITH.

...ONE
BECOMES
NEGLIGENT
OF HIS
PERSONAL
LIFE.

ALL THE
MORE SO
FOR ONE IN
A POSITION
SUCH AS
MINE.

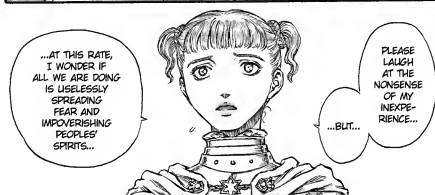
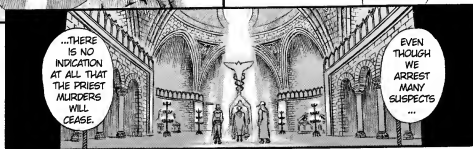
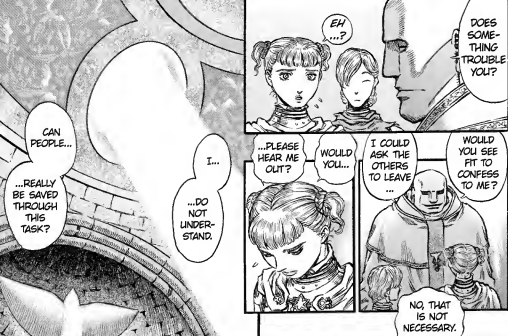


OF COURSE,
I FEEL NO
GUILT.

BUT WHEN
THE TIME
COMES WHEN
ONE CHOOSES
TO LIVE BY
VOCAION...



.....





"BUT THIS IS WHAT HE SAID: THE FACT THAT I AM LYING HERE ROTTING BY THE WAYSIDE IS PROOF THAT I HAVE LIVED A PROUD LIFE OF SOLITUDE AND INDEPENDENCE."



GOD.

FOR GOD,
AND GOD
ALONE...

...DO
WE ACT.

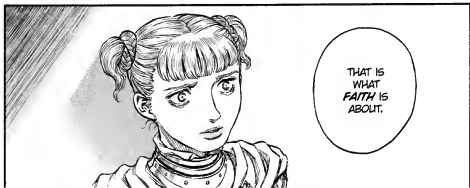


PERHAPS
IT IS ALL
THE MORE
IN GOD'S
HANDS
FOR THAT.

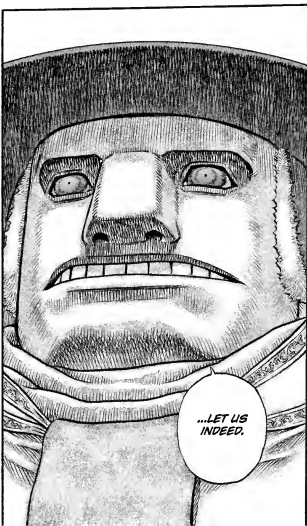
A PERSON
KNOWS
NOT WHAT
SUCCEEDS
IN HELPING.

AND MORE THAN ANYTHING,
OUR ACTIONS MUST NOT USE
OURSELVES AS A STANDARD
FOR OTHERS. EVERYTHING IS
WITHIN THESE SCRIPTURES.





MAY THE
LORD BE
WITH YOU.



...LET US
INDEED.



*FX SKETCH



YES.

MASTER,
PLEASE
LET US
RETURN.



THEN...

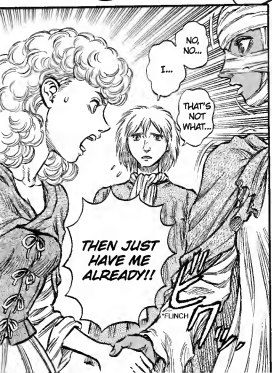
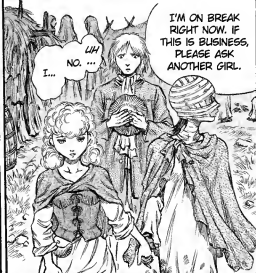


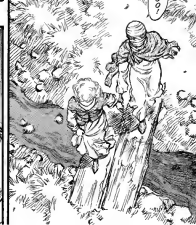
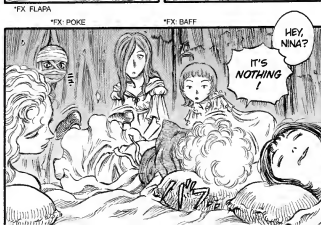
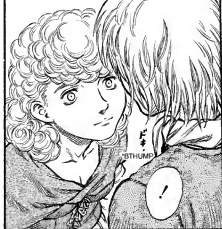




*FX. BLACH BLACH

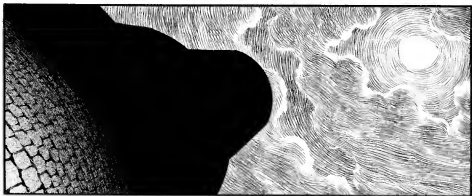
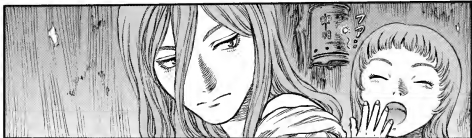








*FX: YAWN

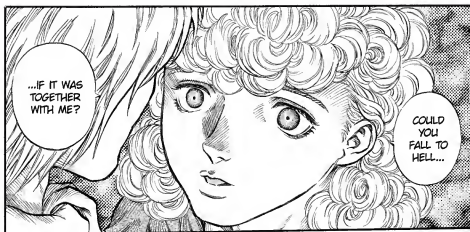




TX ZHA ZHA

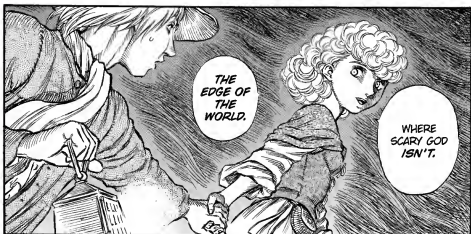
THEN ...
...CAN YOU LIE WITH ME?

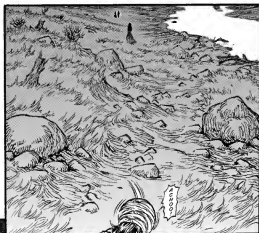
CAN YOU DIE WITH ME?



*FX, GULP





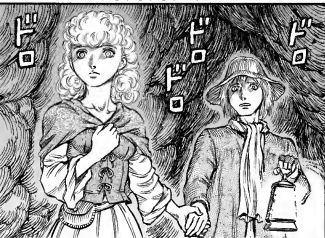




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BIRTH CEREMONY CHAPTER
FIERCE BELIEVER: END

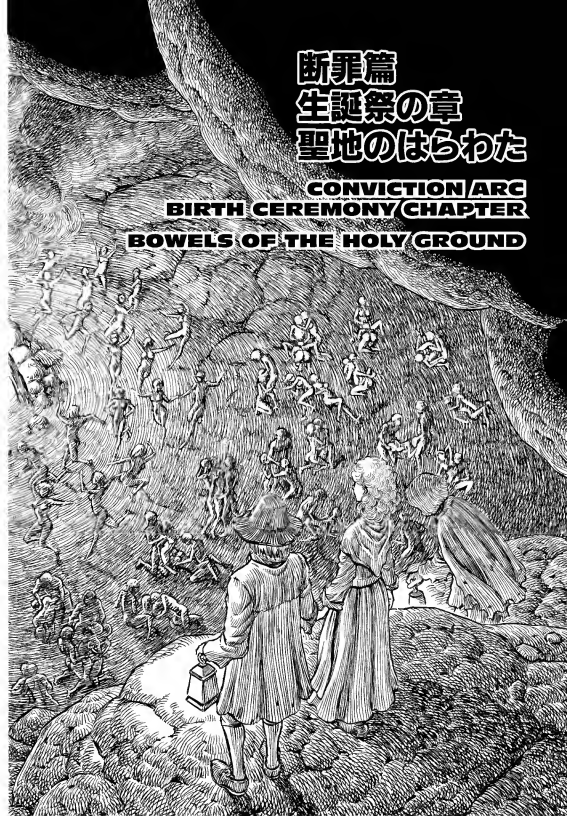
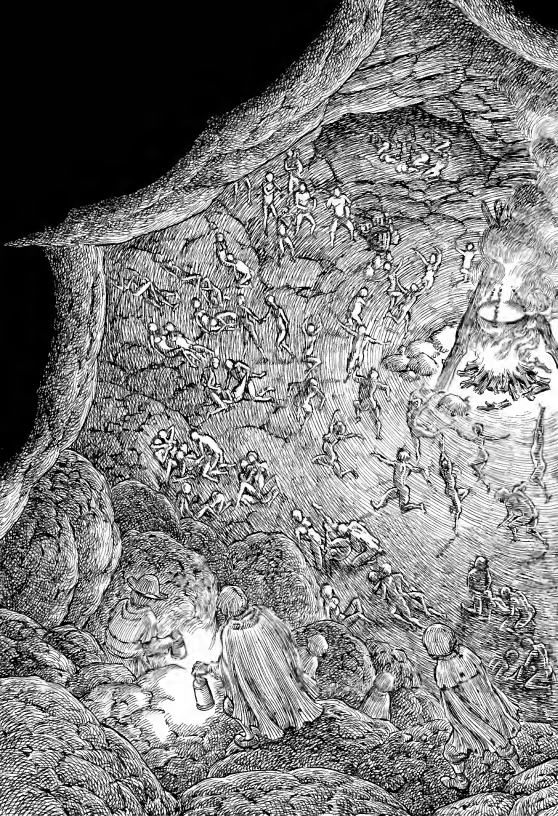


*FX: DROM DROM DROM DROM



*FX: DROM DROM DROM DROM







...WITHOUT
SHAPE,
FREE FROM
FEAR AND
ANXIETY...



HUMANS
CANNOT BE
BOUNDLESS...



SUCH
CERTAINLY
EXISTED...



BUT
AT THE
BOTTOM
OF THIS
CAVERN...



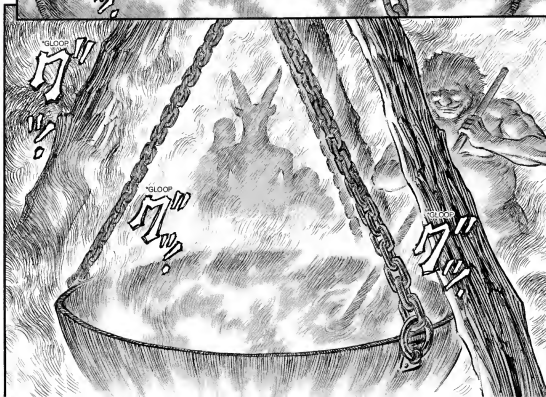
...KNOWN
AS SIN.

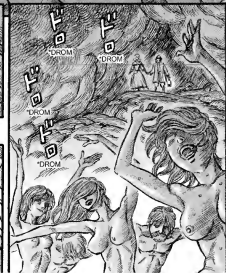


...WAS AN
UNDULATION
OF FLESH...



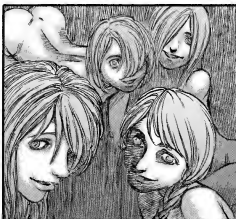
"FX: GLOOP GLOOP GLOOP GLOOP

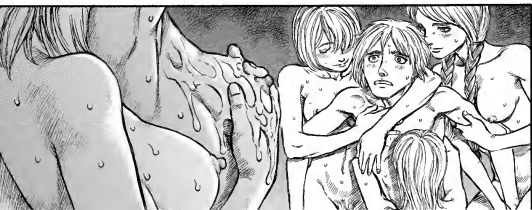


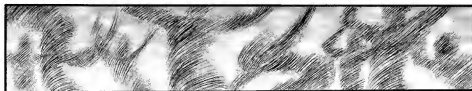
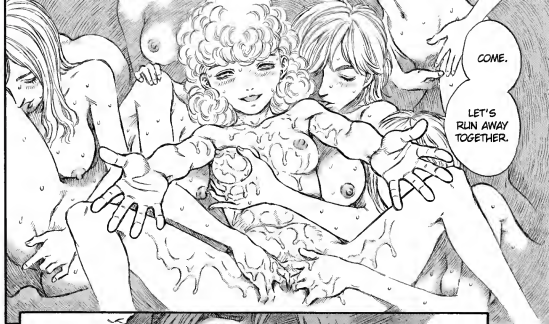




*FX: DROM DROM DROM DROM

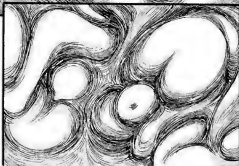
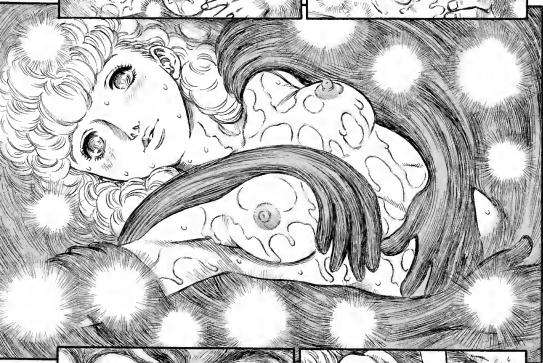








IS
THIS A
DRUG?

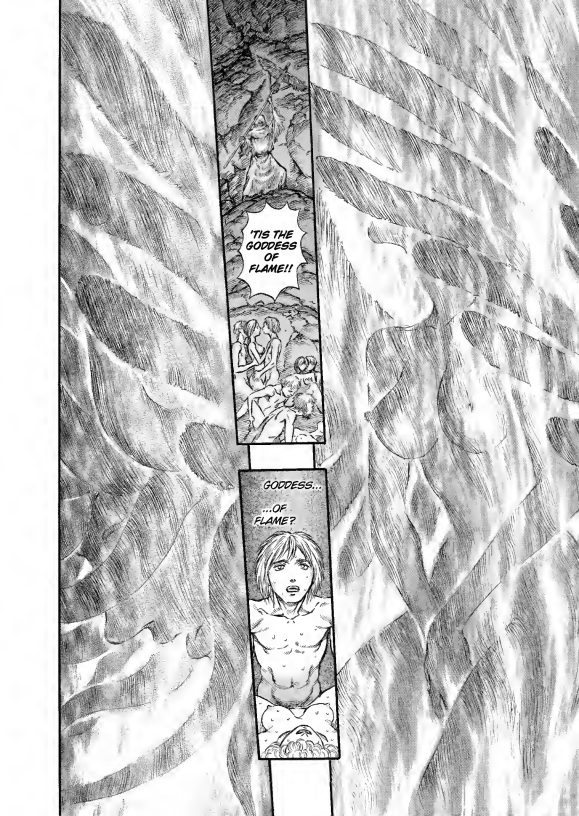




*FX, ZLP







'TIS THE
GODDESS
OF
FLAME!!



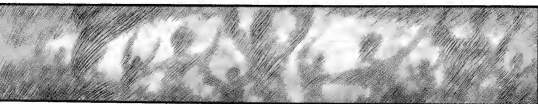
GODDESS...

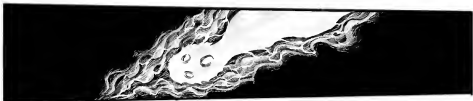
...OF
FLAME?





*FX. BOPPH



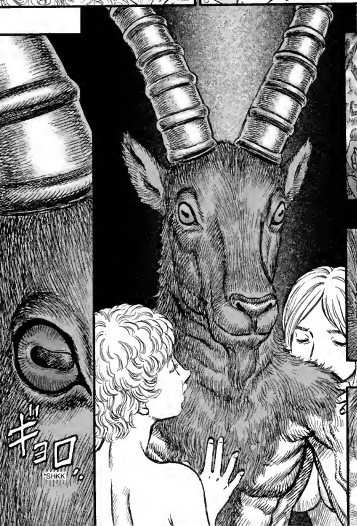


*FX: PULSE



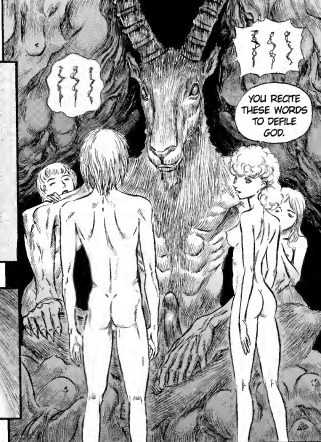
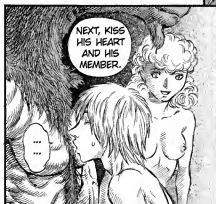


FX. HAAH HAAH HAAH



*FX: UHHHH







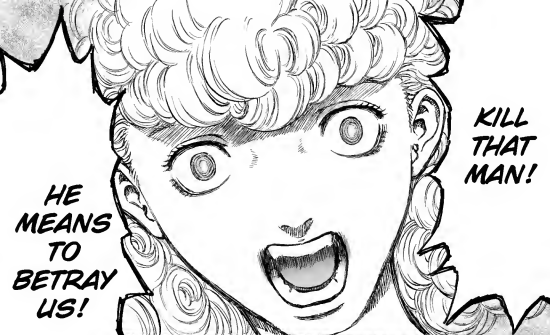
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*FX. KRINCH







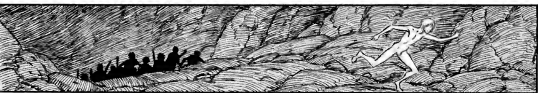
HE
MEANS
TO
BETRAY
US!

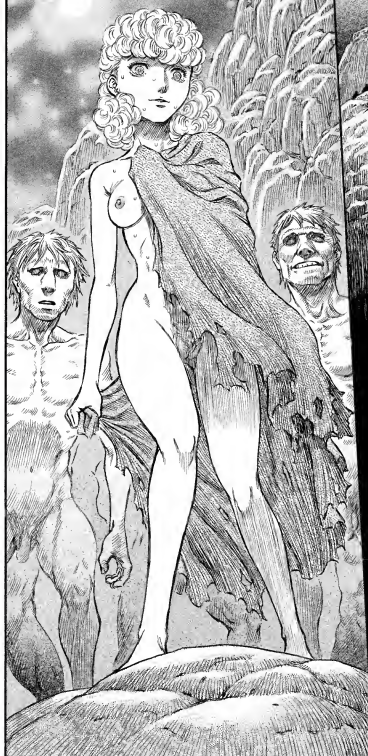
KILL
THAT
MAN!



ビクッ...

*FX STARE





うわあ、あああ、あああ





*FX: YAHOOHHH





GO ON
AHEAD.



YEAH.

HE'S DEAD.

NO
SURVIVING
FROM THIS
HEIGHT.

LET'S
GO
BACK.

SOMEONE
MIGHT HEAR
IT AND
COME LOOK.



GH...

HI...

AHI...



AHA
HA...



HMM...

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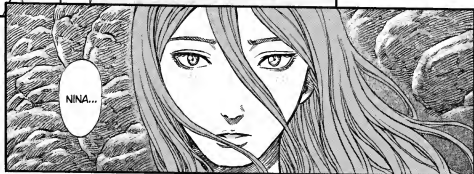
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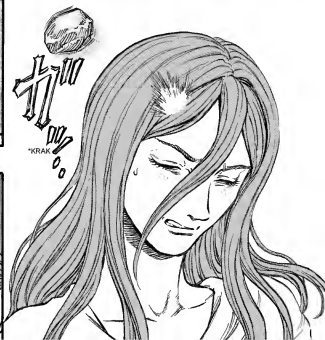
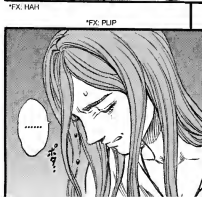
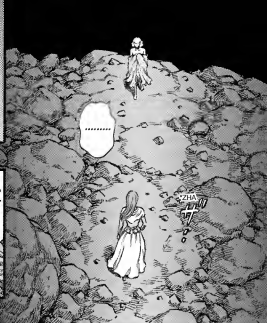


...
LIAR...

YOU
BIG...

断罪篇
生誕祭の章 魔女







FX WHRRLL



FX ZHA ZHA



**HOW CAN
YOU LOOK
DOWN ON
OTHER
PEOPLE
THAT WAY
?!**

**YOU'RE
THE
SAME
AS ME,
JUST
A
WHORE
!!**

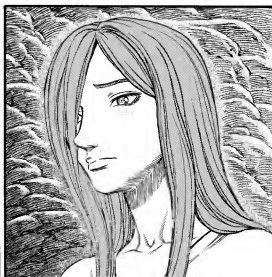


*FX. ZHA

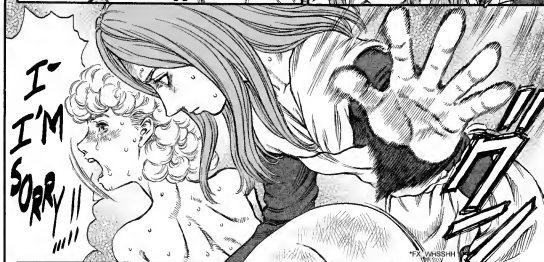
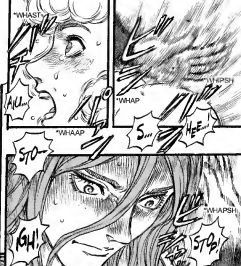


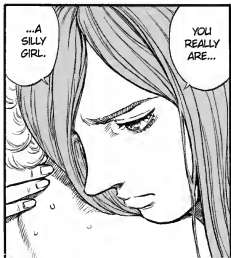
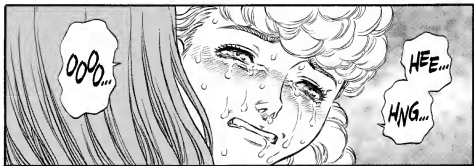
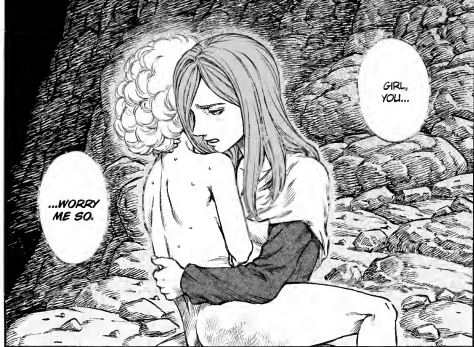
THEY'LL
TEAR
YOU TO
PIECES.

IF I
CALL OUT
LOUD
ENOUGH,
MY
FRIENDS'LL
COME
BACK.







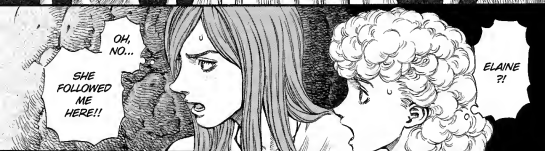




*FX. SNFF

*FX: ("sound" of hiding)







SHE WON'T
RAT ON US
IF SHE'S
INSANE,
EITHER.

I AIN'T
RAPIN' A
GIRL WITH
SYPHILIS.

LEAVE
HER BE
AND LET'S
GO BACK.



I'M
GETTIN'
SICK IN
THIS
COLD.



...AT A
FACE
THAT'S
ROTTIN'
OFF!!

*FX RRRP



I WANNA
TAKE A
LOOK...

*FX: PAT PAT

HEE
HEE...

THIS
COULD BE
INTER-
ESTIN'.



HEHEH...
HEY, WAIT
A MINUTE.



OH,
HELL!

*FX: WHOOA



WHADDA
WE HAVE
HERE?

OHI
LOOKY!
LOOKY!



AWHA
...?



*FX: FLAIL FLAIL

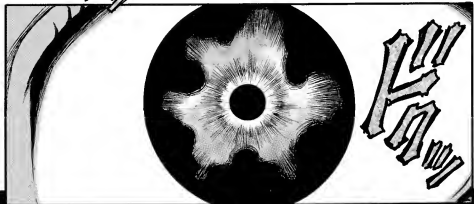




Kaay

*THDUMP

*FX, THDUMP



Kaay







"EX. TWITCH ZIFFA TWITCH"



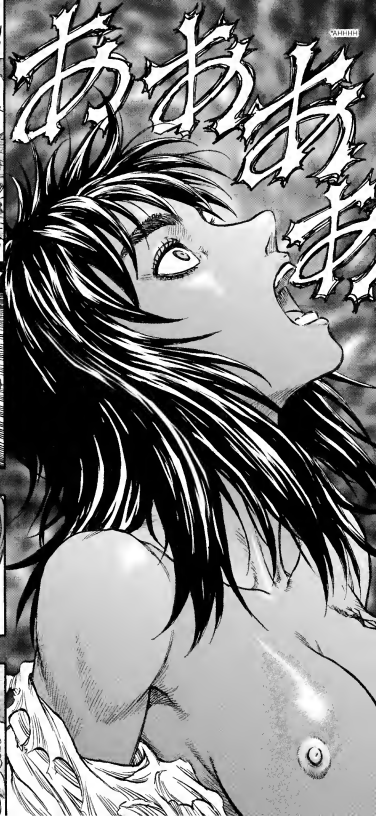
WHAT
HAPPENS
HAPPENS

HEY!

YOU
PEOPLE
...!!



UH...
?



ああああ

*PACHING





*FX: CR

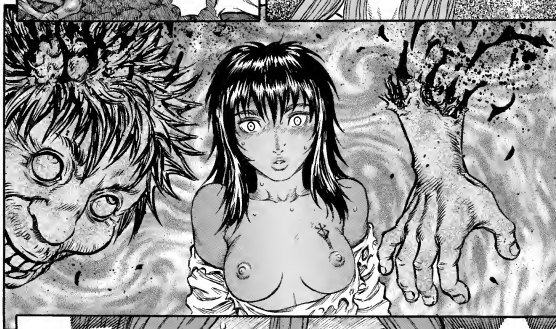






WHAT IS
THIS...?!

WHA...?!



...IT'S
HER
?!

DON'T
TELL
ME...



SACRI-
FICE.

FLESH.
MEAT.

WOMAN.

SACRI-
FICE...





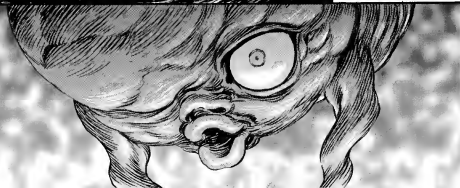
*FX: MWOHHH

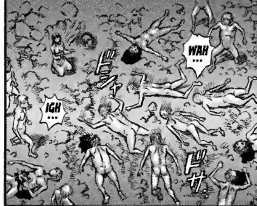


ELAINE!!



*FX: FLINCH





*FX. DOSH

*FX. THUD



*FX. GRRR

*FX. NNN

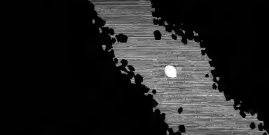


*FX. MGA

*FX. ZMM







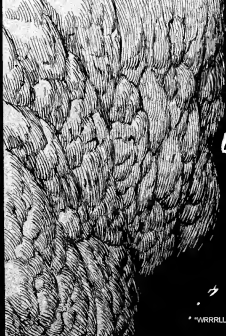
*FX: ZHLF



*FX: ZHLF



*FX: ZHAAAA



ビュウウウウ

* WRRRLLLL





*FX: HEHHH HHHHH HEHHH HHHHH



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SPIRIT ROAD, PART 1



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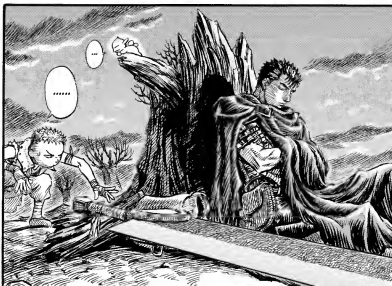




*FX SHMP



*FX GRASP



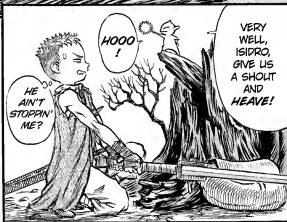


**WON'T
BUDGE
AN
INCH.**



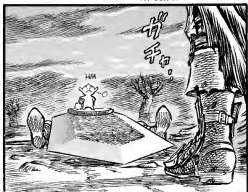
**W-
W-
W--**

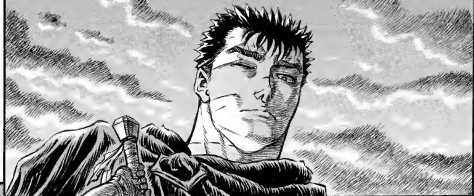




*FX. SMOOSH

*FX. GCHAK



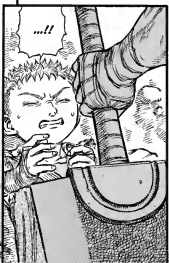


FLUTTA

1/4



I'M
DEA--!!







HAVE YOU
EVER CUT
DOWN
ANYONE?

YOU MISS THAT
FOOD YOU GAVE
TO ME, AND
YOU'VE COME TO
TAKE IT BACK!
OH, FOR
SHAME!

AHH
!!

YOU
ATE
ALL
THAT?

OKAY,
FINE
...

FORGET
ABOUT IT!
I ATE IT
ALL UP!
IT'S GONE!



DO
YOU WANT
TO BE A
FIGHTER?

YOU'VE
GOT A
SWORD.



IT'S BEST
IF YOU
DON'T HANG
AROUND ME
MUCH.

WELL,
IT DOESN'T
MAKE
MUCH
DIFFERENCE.

WH-WHAT
I DO'S UP
TO ME!
YOU'VE
GOT NO
REASON TO
COMPLAIN!

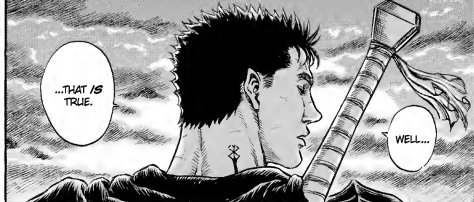


Y...

*FX MUTTER

YEAH,
SURE.

... ONE
... OR
TWO
...



*FX: RMRMRMRMRM



*FX: RMRMRMRMRMRM



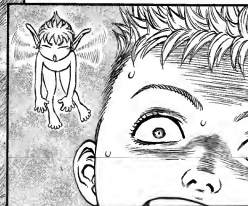


*FX: KSSSHA





"FX, KIRIK, KIRIK





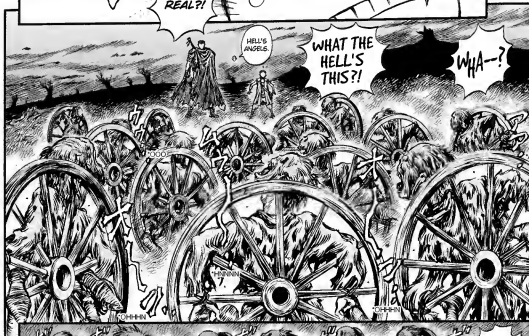
*FX. HIYAAAAH!



*FX PINCH



*FX PSSSSH





...KILL YOU.
TOOOO.

GUESS WE
SHOULD...



HNGYAH!!

I'LL NEVER HITCH
OR SWIPE FROM
ANOTHER WAGON
EVER AGAIN!!

"RATA"

"RATA"

"RATA"

"RATA"

"RATA"

"GTUNK"



"WHOM"



THEY JUST DIED
AND GOT STUPID,
AND THEY CAN'T
TELL WHO THEY'RE
CURSING.

THEY DON'T
REALLY HAVE
ANY REASON
TO HATE YOU
OR ME.





THESE GUYS,
TOO...

HATE, HATE,
HUH?

MONSTERS OR
WHATEVER, I DON'T
CARE. I JUST WANNA
UNLEASH THIS BLACK
MASS PENT UP
INSIDE ME.

IT'S
ALWAYS
THE
SAME
FOR ME,
TOO.

...AND
I'LL DO
WHATEVER
IT TAKES
TO PRESS
ON.

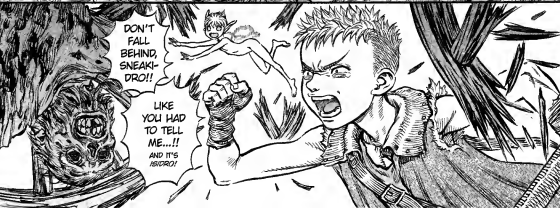
I'M IN A
HURRY...

BUT...

...RIGHT
NOW...



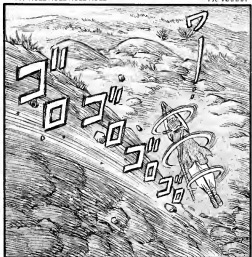
...I AIN'T
GOT TIME
TO MESS
WITH YOU!





*FX ROLL ROLL ROLL ROLL

*FX WAHHH



*FX CLATA CLATA CLATA CLATA



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SPIRIT ROAD (1): END

BERSERK



*FX ZHA ZHA ZHA



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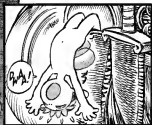
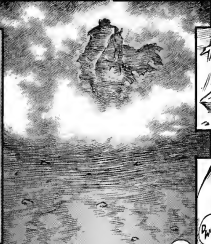
怪道②

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BIRTH CEREMONY CHAPTER
SPIRIT ROAD, PART 2



*FX GCHAK GCHAK







YOU SEEM
IN GOOD
HEALTH,
STRUGGLER.

I THOUGHT
I'D GET
YOUR
ATTENTION.

I DIDN'T THINK
YOU HAD *MANY*
HUMAN FRIENDS,
BUT OF ALL
THINGS A
MONSTER...?

EH? YOU
KNOW EACH
OTHER?

.....



SOMETHING...
ABOUT HIM...

HUH...?



ONE IS
KNOWN
TO BE
LOCATED
WHERE I'M
HEADED...

AS I SAID
BEFORE,
I AM THE
FOE OF THE
INHUMANS.

IT'S
BEEN A
WHILE,
PAL.
WHAT'RE
YOU
DOIN' IN
A PLACE
LIKE
THIS?

...THE
LEADER.

POSSIBLY

AN
APOSTLE'S
NEAR
HERE...?!

APOSTLE

...ALSO
THE LAND
YOU
SEEK.

... AND
PERHAPS
IS... WHERE
I'M
GOING...

H...

WHADDA
YOU
MEAN?!

HOLD
UP!!

NOT
THAT
...!!



ARE YOU
SAYING THE
GODHAND
ARE
THERE?!

...TOWER
OF CON-
VICTION.

NOT THAT
THEY'RE
AT THE...



BUT AT THE SAME TIME,
IT CAN BE SAID THAT AS A
HUGE BODY OF THOUGHT,
THEY CANNOT TAKE FLESH IN
THIS WORLD, THUS THEY
EXIST NOWHERE.

ANY PLACE
NEGATIVE HUMAN
THOUGHTS SWIRL
IN A LARGE CON-
CENTRATION.

THEY EXIST
EVERYWHERE
IN THIS
WORLD.



I DON'T HAVE
TIME FOR YER
ANNOYIN'
ANSWERS!!

ONCE
AGAIN,
YOU LOST
ME...



LIKELY EVERY
HUMAN IN
THE WORLD
WAS WITNESS
TO THAT
SAME THING.

DID YOU NOT
SEE IT TOO?
THE DREAM OF
THE SHINING
HAWK?

WHEN THE
CONCENTRATION
REACHES A
CRITICAL POINT,
ONE WHO
SHOULD EXIST
IN THE DIVINE
DOMAIN...

BUT AT
TIMES
THERE ARE
EXCEPTIONS.

...IS
INCARNATED,
JUST ONCE
IN A
THOUSAND
YEARS.

IT WAS A
REVELATION.



**...IS GOING
TO APPEAR
IN THIS
WORLD.**

**THAT
SOMEONE
...**

**...WHO
SIGNIFIES
THE
HAWK...**

**THE
HAWK...?!**



GUTS
?

HAWK...



I ASK
YOU
THIS...
THAT GIRL
WHO WAS
WITH YOU,
WHERE IS
SHE NOW?



...SHE IS AT
THE HOLY
GROUND
YOU SEEK?

COULD
IT
BE...



...
SO IT'S
TRUE
...



WHAT
?



THE CON-
CENTRATION
OF THAT
IDEA IS
CALLED THE
"FESTIVAL."

THE
POWER
OF GOD
DESCENDS
TO EARTH
...



AND THE
FESTIVAL IS
ESSENTIALLY
A DIVINE
WORK...

IT TRACES A
PHENOMENON
IN THE DIVINE
DOMAIN.



WHY IS IT YOU
KNOW THAT?!
GIVE ME A
STRAIGHT
ANSWER,
GODDAMNIT!!

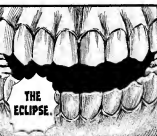
A LITTLE
EASIER
TO GRASP,
IF YOU
COULD.

HEY
!

WHAT
THE
HELL'D
YOU
FIGURE
OUT?!



AND YOU
AND THAT
GIRL WILL
COME TO
THROW
YOUR-
SELVES
INTO THEIR
MIST.



THE
ECLIPSE.

IT NEARLY
PARALLELS
THAT OTHER
TIME...

THE
FLOCKING
SHEEP
WHO'VE
BEEN LED
TO THE
BLOOD-
SPLATTERED
HOLY
GROUND
DESIRE THE
"HAWK OF
LIGHT."



TRACES A
PHENOME-
NON...?



IT'S AN
ATTEMPT
...

...TO
IMITATE
THE
ECLIPSE.



ANXIETY,
FEAR,
ANGER...
IT'S AS
IF AN
EMOTIONAL
FLOODGATE
HAS BURST
INSIDE
GUTS!!



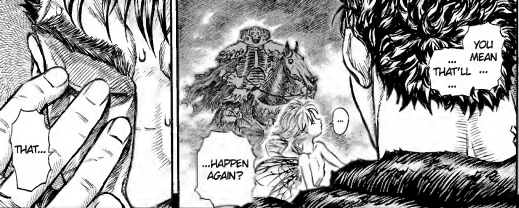
WHAT'S
THIS
EMOTION...?



...WHAT'S
THIS...?

BUT...

HUH...?





IS
THIS...

...
ECSTASY
?!



...THERE'S
NO WAY
FOR MAN
TO
CHANGE...
...THE
COURSE
OF THIS
FESTIVAL.

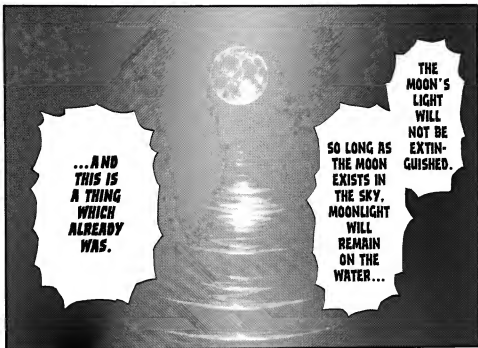
UNFORTU-
NATELY...



THIS WORLD IS
AS MOONLIGHT
REFLECTED ON
THE WATER'S
SURFACE.



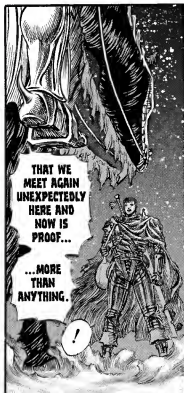
WHAT
?



**...AND
THIS IS
A THING
WHICH
ALREADY
WAS.**

**SO LONG AS
THE MOON
EXISTS IN
THE SKY,
MOONLIGHT
WILL
REMAIN
ON THE
WATER...**

**THE
MOON'S
LIGHT
WILL
NOT BE
EXTIN-
GUISHED.**



**THAT WE
MEET AGAIN
UNEXPECTEDLY
HERE AND
NOW IS
PROOF...**

**...MORE
THAN
ANYTHING.**

!



**THEN
YOU
MEAN
...**

**...THE
RESULTS
WILL BE
THE SAME
AS LAST
TIME?**



**WHAT WILL
FOLLOW
NOW IS A
SHADOW...**

**NO MORE
THAN A
SHADOW
CAST HIGH
ABOVE THE
EARTH...**

**...BY
LIGHT
FROM A
DISTANT,
DYING
SUN.**



...ARE STILL
MERELY
SHADOWS
ON THE
WATER.

WE WHO
EXIST
BEYOND THE
PHYSICAL
...



...WITHIN
THE
CURRENT
OF
CAUSALITY.

WE
ALREADY
SUBSIST...



I DECIDED ON THE
TOWER OF CONVICTION--
AND GO THERE ON
MY OWN FEET.
NOBODY ORDERED
ME TO.



WHO CARES
ABOUT
SHADOWS?
CAUSALITY?



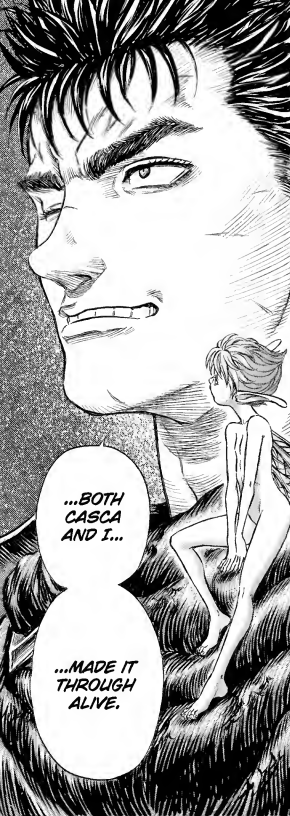
YOU
GAVE
ME
THAT
NAME
...



BESIDES,
YOU'RE
FORGETTING...
I'M REALLY
BAD AT
GIVING IN.



THE NAME
"STRUGGLER."



...BOTH
CASCA
AND I...

...MADE IT
THROUGH
ALIVE.



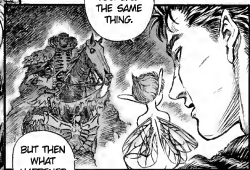
...PRETTY
SHADY,
ANYWAY.

THAT
WHOLE
CAUSALITY
BIT'S...

THIS PROUD MONSTER
ONCE PREDICTED
SOMETHIN' TO ME.
"A DEATH YOU CAN
NEVER ESCAPE WILL
PAY YOU A VISIT."
HE WAS SURE AS
HELL RIGHT, UP
'TIL THE ECLIPSE.



YOU SAID
THE SAME
THING.



BUT THEN
WHAT
HAPPENED
?

...EVEN IF
WE GOT
A LITTLE
TORN UP...

EVEN IF
WE SWAM
IN A SEA
OF BLOOD
AND SHIT...



AND
THEN...

SURE,
YOU HELPED
US OUT
THAT TIME.

BUT THIS
TIME...

...I'LL
SAVE HER
BY MY
OWN
STRENGTH.

THEN...



...IT DOESN'T
MEAN IT
WILL BE
EXACTLY
THE SAME.

AND
EVEN IF IT
IMITATES
THE
ECLIPSE
...

...I WILL
IN TURN
GAMBLE
EVERY-
THING
ON THAT
POINT.

THOUGH MINUTE,
SINGULAR DETAILS
CERTAINLY CAN
OCCUR AT THE TIME
JUNCTION POINT
THAT EVEN THEY
CAN'T PREDICT...

THE SCOPE
TOO HAS
NATURAL
LIMITS
IN THE
MATERIAL
DOMAIN.

...IT MAY
BE OF
UNANTICI-
PATED AID.

WHAT
?

FURTHER-
MORE,
THAT BRAND
CARVED
INTO YOU...

THAT IS, THE
BORDERLINE
BETWEEN THE
PHYSICAL
AND ASTRAL
WORLDS.

AS I TOLD YOU
BEFORE, DUE TO
THE BRAND, YOU
NOW LIVE IN THE
"INTERSTICE."

...BUT YOU
ARE OUTSIDE
THE REASON
OF THE WORLD.

IT'S
MERELY
HALF A
STEP...



...BUT
INSTEAD,
A FISH THAT
BREACHES
THE WATER'S
SURFACE.

MAYBE YOU
AREN'T A
SHADOW
ON THE
WATER...



...I WILL
WARN YOU
OF ONE
THING.

HOW-
EVER
...



IT WON'T BE
AS SIMPLE
AS CATCHING
TWO BIRDS.

YOUR
LOVER WILL
BE LEFT
ALONE.

...OR FIGHT
RESCUE ...
...

*FX BW0000



...SEE
YOU
AGAIN
...

AT THE HOLY
GROUND WHERE
BLIND SHEEP
GATHER...



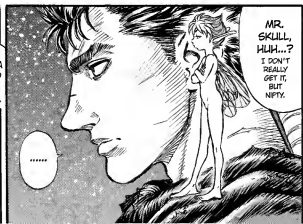
OOO!

YOU
SHOULDA
BUMMED
A RIDE
OFF HIM.



Y'KNOW
...

YEAH?



MR.
SKULL,
HUH...?
I DON'T
REALLY
GET IT,
BUT
NFTY.

...HE KINDA
FELT LIKE
AN ELF...

...BUT
THAT
GUY...

MAYBE I
IMAGINED
IT...

HHMM
...
NAH,
NEVER-
MIND...



THAT'S
MY TOP
PRIORITY.
THAT'S
WHY I'M
HERE.

I'LL
SAVE
CASCA.



BUT IF HE
STANDS
BEFORE
ME...

...THEN,
I'LL...

LET'S
GO.



CONVICTION ARC
BIRTH CEREMONY CHAPTER
SPIRIT ROAD (2): END



IT WAS LIKE
THE VOICE
OF A
HOWLING
MONSTER
BENEATH
THE EARTH.

IT WAS A
HOWLING,
BUT NOT
LIKE THE
WIND.

...I'D
COWER
IN MY
BED...

WHEN
I HEARD
THAT
SOUND...

...TO
SPEND
THE NIGHT
WITHOUT
SLEEP.

...ALONE...

...THE
CITY
SQUARE.

...IN MY ROOM
OVERLOOKING...

ROAR...
ROAR...

ROAR...
ROAR...

EVEN SO,
I FOUND
MYSELF
DRAWN
TO THE
WINDOW...



A
COUNTLESS
NUMBER
OF CAST
SHADOWS
WERE
WAVERING.

THERE
WAS THIS
MYSTERIOUS
PILLAR OF
FLAME.

ROAR...
ROAR...

LIKE SOME
KIND OF
FESTIVAL.

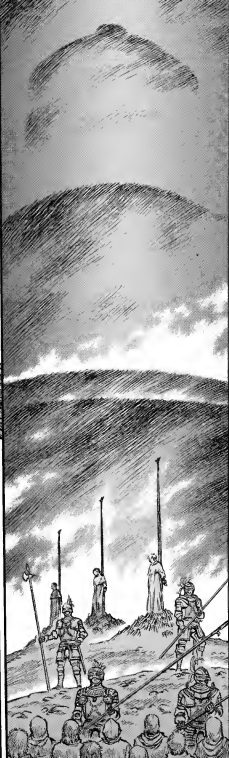
**CONVICTION ARC
BIRTH CEREMONY
CHAPTER**

PILLAR OF FLAME

**断罪篇
生誕祭の章 炎の柱**



FX LEFT





*FX. BOPH



*FX. ROARRR



*FX. SNIKT SNAP

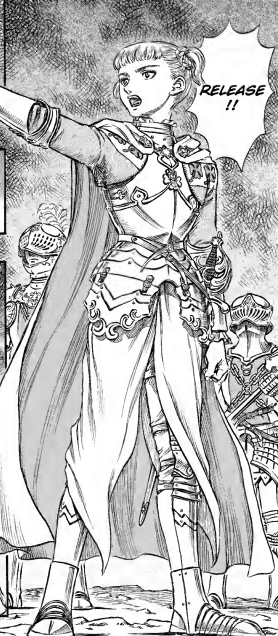


*FX. ROHHH

*FX. BROARRR



HELL...



RELEASE !!

"...THE COMMANDER'S
VOLUNTARILY BEEN
THROWING TORCHES
AT THE STAKES."

"SINCE THE
TIME SHE
WAS A
CHILD..."

...TO HAVE
TROUBLE
LIGHTING
PEOPLE
ON FIRE.

THE
WENCH
SURE
DOESN'T
SEEM...

HUH?
?

APPARENTLY
THE
COMMANDER
HAS A LOT OF
EXPERIENCE
WHEN IT
COMES TO
THE STAKE.

OH,
YOU DIDN'T
KNOW, SIR
JEROME?

"IT SEEMS WHEN
THE HERETIC
HUNTS WERE
WIDESPREAD,
THAT WAS USED
AS A BURNING
GROUND."

"HER
FAMILY'S
HOME FACED
THE CITY
SQUARE."

"...WAS APPROVED WAS HER
MERITORIOUS SERVICE THREE
YEARS AGO IN THE HOLY SEE,
WHEN SHE CAUGHT A GROUP
OF REBELLIOUS HERETICS
AND SENTENCED THEM TO
BURN AT THE STAKE."

"I HEARD
THE REASON
THE SEARCH
FOR THE
BLACK
SWORDSMAN
..."



GOOD
GOD.

MAN,
TALK ABOUT
HARDCORE.



WHAT ARE
YOU CHAT-
TERING
ABOUT?!

YOU
THERE
!

THOU SHALT
NOT SEEK
RETRIBUTION
FOR THINE
ACTIONS.

THOU SHALT
NOT FEAR
THINE OWN
DEATH, NOR
THE DEATHS
OF OTHERS.



THOU SHALT
NOT DEPLORE
THE PEOPLE'S
MISUNDER-
STANDINGS.

THOU
SHALT NOT
DEPLORE
DISTRESSING
DUTIES.

*FX: OO



DADDY
...

I WILL
NOT BE
TROUBLED
!!

*FX: WHISPER



HE
HE
HEN



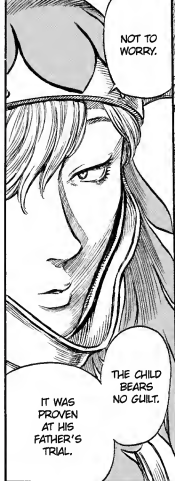
WHATEVER
BLOOD WE
SPILL IN
SPIRIT OR
FLESH,
AS MAN WE
CONTINUE
TO EXIST
DEVOUTLY
FOR GOD.

THOU
SHALT
NOT
QUESTION
GOD.

THAT IS
WHAT FAITH
IS ABOUT.







*FX GRIND



*FX ROARRR



*FX SWAY



I DO NOT FEEL WELL.





EVERY TIME
WITH THE
STAKE
BURNINGS...





NO, I REALLY
DON'T FEEL
VERY...

THERE
YOU GO
AGAIN,
HAHA.



WE'LL
JUST
LEAVE
IT AT
THAT.

WELL, IT
DOESN'T
REALLY
MATTER.



RIGHT?

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?!
TAKING A REST,
SAME AS YOU. WHO
CAN STAND DEALING
WITH SUCH A
DAMNABLE DUTY?

WHY
ARE YOU
HERE?



WHA
--?

YOU KNOW,
YOU'VE
REALLY GOT
YOUR GOOD
POINTS.
I TOOK YOU
FOR JUST A
PALE-FACED
WEAKLING.



THAT WAS
PERSONAL...



AH,
THAT...

FRIEND OF
CHILDREN!
PRETTY
KNIGHTLY
OF YOU.

DON'T BE
MODEST.
I MEAN
THAT KID
BACK
THERE.



I'M SORRY! I'VE A BAD HABIT OF TALKING TOO MUCH WITHOUT THINKING OF OTHERS' FEELINGS!



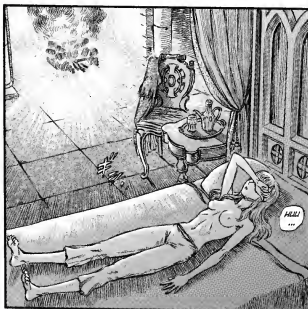




*FX: FSSS



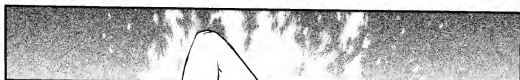
*FX: GTAK GTAK



*FX: GREESH



*FX: WHRRILL



WHEN I STARE AT
THE FLAMES...

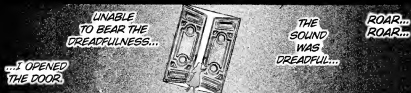
...I REMEMBER...





BEFORE I
KNEW IT, I WAS
DESCENDING
THE STAIRS,
AS IF LURED BY
THAT SOUND.

ROAR...
ROAR...



UNABLE
TO BEAR THE
DREADFULNESS...

...I OPENED
THE DOOR.

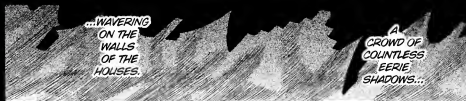
THE
SOUND
WAS
DREADFUL...

ROAR...
ROAR...



ROAR...

ROAR...



...WAVERING
ON THE
WALLS
OF THE
HOUSES.

A
CROWD OF
COUNTLESS
EERIE
SHADOWS...



THE STENCH
OF BURNING
FLESH.



SHOUTS
SOMEWHERE
BETWEEN
CHEERS AND
CONDEMNATIONS.





...OF THE
SKIN KNOWN
AS OUR
WORLD FROM
SECRETS
HIDDEN BY
THE NIGHT,
THERE
SURGES
TERROR.

I KNEW
THEN,
WHEN YOU
PEEL BACK
A THIN
LAYER...



SUDDENLY,
SOMEONE
HANDED ME
A TORCH.



...AND
THREW
IT RIGHT
AWAY!

I WAS
FRIGHTENED...

A STRANGE
THING
HAPPENED.



THE SHADOWS,
CORRESPONDING
TO THE TORCH
(I'D THROWN,
SWAYED
ABOUT ALL
AT ONCE.





I SEE!

I GET
IT!



OH-H



ONE
MORE.



...SO MANY
TIMES...

I CAST
THEM
IN...

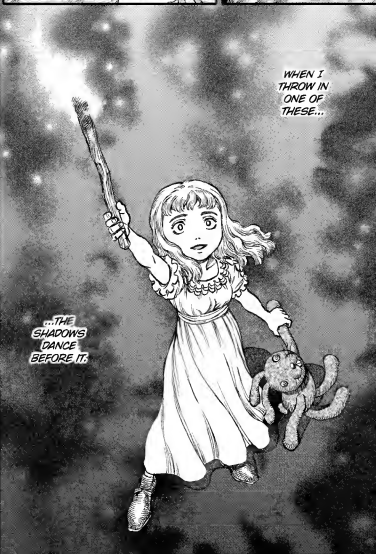
...THAT
NIGHT.



EACH
TIME, THE
SHADOWS
SWAYED.

AS IF
DANCING.

AS IF
TREMBLING.



WHEN I
THROW IN
ONE OF
THESE...

...THE
SHADOWS
DANCE
BEFORE IT.



...YOU LEAD
THEM...

...BECOME
ONE OF
THEM...

...AND DANCE.

I KNEW IT.
WHEN YOU
FEEL BACK
A THIN LAYER
OF THE SKIN
KNOWN AS
OUR WORLD,
THERE
SURGES
TERROR.

IN
ORDER TO
ESCAPE
THAT
TERROR...



CHILD
OF
GREAT
FAITH.

WELL
DONE,
LITTLE
MISS.

THE
LORD'S
BLESSING
UPON
THIS
GIRL.

A
BLESSING.

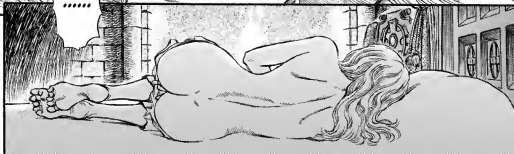
I COULD
FEEL A
STRANGE
WARMTH
IN MY
LINDER-
BELLY.

IT MUST
HAVE BEEN
THE HEAT
OF THE
FLAMES.





*FX POCH

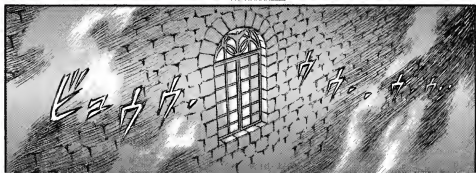




I'M NOT...

...IN THE
WRONG.

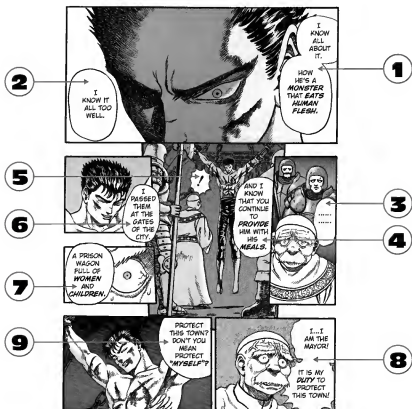
*FX WHIRRRLLL



STOP

This is the back of the book!

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BERSERK

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